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School Annual Education Report (AER) Cover Letter

May 31, 2018:

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2016-17 educational progress for the Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center (EKLC). The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information about student assessment, accountability, and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact me for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site <https://goo.gl/snR8AB>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

For the 2016-17 school year, schools were identified using new definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that has at least one underperforming student subgroup. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that has three or more underperforming student subgroups. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no label is given.

Our school has not been given one of these labels. As always, we are committed to the success of the students that we service.

State law requires that we also report additional information. We are a county program servicing students with Moderate Cognitive Impairments and/or Autism Spectrum Disorder for Genesee County. We follow the Countywide Center Program Placement Guidelines when students are referred to our program. If you have any questions concerning this process, please feel free to contact me or Rochelle Bila.

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Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center has been awarded accreditation with the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA-CASI). During the 2015-2016 and the 2016-2017 school year, we have worked on our three year School Improvement Plan aligned with NCA requirements. Our goals included the following: 1) all students at EKLC will create Electronic Portfolios to be utilized until and upon Completion of the Program; 2) all students at EKLC will increase their positive behaviors; 3) all students at EKLC will increase their Math Competencies.

Due to the nature of our program, EKLC's curriculum follows the Common Core Essential Elements for Math and ELA, which can be found at:

http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-22709_28463-18034--,00.html.

It also follows the Extended Grade Level/High School Level Content Expectations for Science and Social Studies, which can be found at:

http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-22709_28463-162769--,00.html.

Over the last two school years, Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center has been tracking student growth through both state assessments, Brigance testing, and other forms of assessments. A majority of our students have shown growth in all subject areas. Student growth will continue to remain a priority for our school.

It is with your involvement that our program has been successful. Over the last two years, we have had over 95 percent participation from parents through conferences, the IEP meeting process, phone conferences, and other means of communication.

Last school year, Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center gave 10 Certificates of Completion to our students. One percent of our students chose to leave the program before their 26th birthday. For the 2016-2017 school year, 12 students will be receiving Certificates of Completion with less than one percent of our students choosing to leave the program early.

We are very thankful for all the support we have received from you. We look forward to the following school years as we continue to work along with you to give the best education possible to your student. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (810)591-4489.

Sincerely,

Marianne Skunda, Principal
Elmer A Knopf Learning Center

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